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1. On 20 November 1952, source learned that the Volkspolizei installation in the Schoeneicher Plan plant, which is believed to be the central VP ordnance depot, is directly subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior. Labels of consignments to the ordnance depot are inscribed "Industriebuero Berlin - Zweigstelle Mittenwalde" (Berlin Industrial Office - Mittenwalde Branch) and "Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen, Schoeneicher Plan, Werk Telz" (Bureau for Economic Affairs, Schoeneicher Plan, Telz Plant). The installation includes three departments, i.e. commercial departments and a third headed by KVP Captain Heidel (fnu), which administers VP billeting equipment and presumably also clothing. This department, allegedly, mainly serves the northern districts of East Germany. The two commercial departments are headed by one Koersten (fnu), while one Maier (fnu) is the production chief. Goods shipped by rail are declared as machines. Consignments to the VP are almost exclusively shipped by rail. Shipments which arrived in December 1952, included 23 carloads of wooden beds, 16 of which were forwarded to Eberswalde. The plant, which was recently equipped with four watchtowers, employed 100 to 120 workers, most of them lathe and milling cutter operators. All of the workers must be members of the German-Soviet Friendship League. The plant had 20 trucks with trailers whose drivers were mainly civilians.

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2. In early December 1952, source learned that a Volkspolizei supply depot is located in the former Sunlicht Factory in Mittenwalde. The depot is allegedly equipped with a large number of trucks mainly used to pick up items of clothing and equipment which are mostly manufactured in prisons.
3. On 27 December 1952, source determined that the supply depot of the VP is located in the area of the former Sunlicht Factory about 1 km southwest of Mittenwalde, immediately south of the road to Zossen. An HO (East German Trade Organization) foodstuffs storage is located in the same area beside the supply depot. A foodstuffs processing plant will allegedly also be established at the site. Trucks  were observed at the entrance to the depot.

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Comment. The present report confirms the existence at Mittenwalde of a KVP supply installation, which was mentioned previously. [REDACTED]  
The establishment of a Zentrales Versorgungslager (ZVL) (Central Supply Depot) in the Berlin area may be connected with the activation of the Armeegruppe Nord of the KVP. The Mittenwalde supply depot may have been established as a branch of the ZVL at Prossen near Bad Schandau, because the latter depot was too far away from the KVP units stationed in the northern districts of East Germany.

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